

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus ~~for executing predetermined processing in accordance with a first operation, a second operation, or a third operation,~~ comprising:

first generation means for generating a first image for browsing corresponding to first data;

second generation means for generating a second image for browsing corresponding to second data;

first designation means for designating display positions of the first image and the second image along a virtual line so that the first image overlaps at least a portion of the second image; and

first display control means for displaying the first image and the second image at the display positions designated by the first designation means.

~~jog dial means for enabling an operator to perform said first operation, said second operation, and said third operation;~~

~~wherein said jog dial means comprises a programmable power key (PPK) which activates a desired software program or script file while the information processing apparatus is in power save mode or with the power being off;~~

~~first display control means for controlling a display, in accordance with said first operation or said second operation performed through said jog dial means, for displaying an image among a set of images, which are at least partially displayed on a view area of the display for the operator to select the image for browsing corresponding to content recorded on a recording medium; and~~

~~reproduction means for reproducing content corresponding to said image for browsing of which display is kept in a selected state by said first display control means if said third operation has been performed through said jog dial means.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first display control means controls the display of the first image and the second image ~~said image for browsing~~ such that the first image and the second image are said image for browsing ~~is linearly aligned with the~~ set of images.

3. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first display control means controls the display of the first image and the second image ~~said image for browsing~~ such that the first image and the second image are said image for browsing ~~is aligned with the~~ set of images in a curve which constitutes a circle.

4. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first display control means controls the display of the first image and the second image ~~said image for browsing~~ such that the first image and the second image are said image for browsing ~~is spirally aligned with the~~ set of images in a three-dimensional space.

5. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first display control means controls the display of the first image and the second image ~~said image for browsing such that the first image and the second image are said image for browsing~~ is aligned with the set of images in a planar manner.

6-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An information processing method ~~for an information processing apparatus for executing predetermined processing in accordance with a first operation, a second operation, or a third operation, comprising:~~

a first generation step for generating a first image for browsing corresponding to first data;

a second generation step for generating a second image for browsing corresponding to second data;

a first designation step for designating display positions of the first image and the second image along a virtual line so that the first image overlaps at least a portion of the second image; and

a first display control step for displaying the first image and the second image at the display positions designated by the first designation step.

~~an enabling step for enabling an operator to perform said first operation, said second operation, and said third operation through the use of a jog dial means;~~

~~wherein said jog dial means comprises a programmable power key (PPK)~~
~~which activates a desired software program or script file while the information processing~~
~~apparatus is in power save mode or with the power being off;~~

~~a first display control step for controlling a display, in accordance with said first~~
~~operation or said second operation performed through said jog dial means, for displaying an~~
~~image among a set of images, which are at least partially displayed on a view area of the display~~
~~for the operator to select the image for browsing corresponding to content recorded on a~~
~~recording medium; and~~

~~a reproduction step for reproducing content corresponding to said image for~~
~~browsing of which display is kept in a selected state in said first display control step if said third~~
~~operation has been performed through said jog dial means.~~

12-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A program storage medium for storing a computer-readable program for controlling an information processing apparatus, ~~for executing~~
~~predetermined processing in accordance with a first operation, a second operation, or a third~~
~~operation, said computer readable program comprising:~~

a first generation step for generating a first image for browsing corresponding to
first data;

a second generation step for generating a second image for browsing
corresponding to second data;

a first designation step for designating display positions of the first image and the second image along a virtual line so that the first image overlaps at least a portion of the second image; and

a first display control step for displaying the first image and the second image at the display positions designated by the first designation step.

~~an enabling step for enabling an operator to perform said first operation, said second operation, and said third operation through the use of a jog dial means;~~

~~wherein said jog dial means comprises a programmable power key (PPK) which activates a desired software program or script file while the information processing apparatus is in power save mode or with the power being off;~~

~~a first display control step for controlling a display, in accordance with said first operation or said second operation performed through said jog dial means, for displaying an image among a set of images, which are at least partially displayed on a view area of the display for the operator to select the image for browsing corresponding to content recorded on a recording medium; and~~

~~a reproduction step for reproducing content corresponding to said image for browsing of which display is kept in a selected state in said first display control step if said third operation has been performed through said jog dial means.~~

20-22. (Canceled)

23. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

operating means for performing a first operation, a second operation or a third operation based on a user operation;

selecting means for selecting, in accordance with the first operation or the second operation performed through the operating means, one of the first image and the second image displayed by the first display control means; and

reproduction means for reproducing data corresponding to the one of the first image and the second image selected by selecting means when the third operation has been performed.

24. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising:

second display control means for controlling, in accordance with said first operation or said second operation performed through said operating means, the display of an icon of an application program which uses said content to be reproduced by said reproduction means; and

starting means for starting, if said third operation is performed through said operating means with the display of an icon of a predetermined application program maintained in an active state by said second display control means, said predetermined application program of which display of an icon is maintained in the active state.

25. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 24, wherein, when any display of the icon of said application program is not maintained in the active

state by said second display control means and said third operation is performed through operating means, said starting means ends said application program.

26. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 23, wherein each of said first operation and said second operation is performed by rotating or turning a dial.

27. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said third operation is performed by depressing a dial.

28. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said first operation, said third operation, and said second operation are performed by switches arranged substantially in straight-line.

29. (New) The information processing method according to claim 11, further comprising:

an operating step for performing a first operation, a second operation or a third operation based on a user operation;

a selecting step for selecting, in accordance with the first operation or the second operation performed through the operating step, one of the first image and the second image displayed by the first display control step; and

a reproduction step for reproducing data corresponding to the one of the first image and the second image selected by selecting step when the third operation has been performed.

30. (New) The information processing method according to claim 29, wherein each of said first operation and said second operation is performed by rotating or turning a dial.

31. (New) The information processing method according to claim 29, wherein said third operation is performed by depressing a dial.

32. (New) The information processing method according to claim 29, wherein said first operation, said third operation, and said second operation are performed by switches arranged substantially in straight-line.

33. (New) The program storage medium according to claim 19, further comprising:

an operating step for performing a first operation, a second operation or a third operation based on a user operation;

a selecting step for selecting, in accordance with the first operation or the second operation performed through the operating step, one of the first image for browsing and the second image for browsing displayed by the first display control step; and

a reproduction step for reproducing data corresponding to the one of the first image for browsing and the second image for browsing selected by selecting step when the third operation has been performed.

34. (New) The program storage medium according to claim 33, wherein each of said first operation and said second operation is performed by rotating or turning a dial.

35. (New) The program storage medium according to claim 33, wherein said third operation is performed by depressing a dial.

36. (New) The program storage medium according to claim 33, wherein said first operation, said third operation, and said second operation are performed by switches arranged substantially in a straight-line.